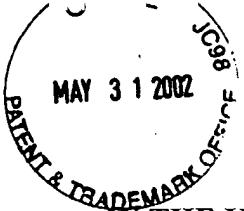


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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED MAY 20, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 31, 2002

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated May 20, 2002.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-6; and Group (II), Claims 7-11.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-6, drawn to a semiconductor device, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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